

Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,185,000
PAID-UP £568,500

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.
INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months.....5 per cent.
" 6 ".....4 " "
" 3 ".....3 " "
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 18th June, 1894. [20]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chairman.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.,
H. Stollerfoht, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—

The Commercial Bank of Scotland,
Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.).
Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP £251,093.15.0

BANKERS:

CAPITAL & COUNTRIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—

No. 3, PRINCE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:—BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:—PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.

ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [210]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS £800,000

RESERVE FUND £275,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months.....5 per cent.
" 6 ".....4 " "
" 3 ".....3 " "

A. C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1894. [563]

Insurances.

THE
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE
COMPANY

has a long record of GOOD SERVICES to
refer to; its FUNDS, annually increasing,
amount to £7,913,375. The premiums are
moderate; and all modern features consistent
with safety have been adopted.

For particulars and rates,
Apply to

DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd June, 1894. [743]

THE MEIJI FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED, OF TOKYO.

THE AGENCY of the above-named Company
having this day been TRANSFERRED to
the undersigned, they are now prepared to
accept RISKS against FIRE at CURRENT
RATES.

For the MITSUBI BUREAU KAISHA,
K. FUKUI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd July, 1894. [746]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 500,000 } \$833,333.33.
EQUAL TO }
RESERVE FUND } \$318,000.00.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq., LO YUE MOON, Esq.,
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.,

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893. [672]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted to all parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST,
Hongkong, 20th May, 1894. [180]

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 18th day of August, at Twelve o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Account to 30th June, 1894.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1894. [836]

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from Saturday the 4th to the 18th day of August, (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER OF SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1894. [837]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, No. 4, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 20th August, at 3 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1894.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 31st July, 1894. [832]

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND at the Rate of TWO AND A HALF PER CENT. (ONE DOLLAR AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS per Share) for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1894, will be PAID to those Persons, who are Registered as SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company on MONDAY, the 13th August, 1894.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 13th August, both days inclusive.

By Order,
WM. MATHISEN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 27th July, 1894. [824]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of SIX PER CENT. of \$1.00 per Share, DECLARED at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders held this day, will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI CORPORATION, on and after TUESDAY, the 1st instant. Shareholders are requested to apply at the OFFICE of the COMPANY for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1894. [830]

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the THIRD CALL of FIFTY CENTS per Share, on the Shares issued at ONE DOLLAR, has now been MADE in accordance with the PROSPECTUS and FALLS DUE on the 4th of AUGUST next. Same should be PAID to the UNDERSIGNED at No. 9, Praya Central, to whom the SCRIP should be sent for endorsement.

By Order of the Board,
W. HUTTON POTTS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th July, 1894. [756]

THE PHARMACY.

FLETCHER & Co. Dispensing and Retail
Chemists, Perfumers, Druggists Sundries-
men and Patent Medicine Vendors.

per Dozen.
KEPLER'S MALT\$14.00
KEPLER'S MALT and OIL\$14.00
SCOTT'S EMULSION\$13.00
SCOTT'S EMULSION\$13.00

TOILET ACCESSORIES:—
Perfume Bottles, Cut Crystal, Combs, Brushes,
Sponges, Sponge Bags, Flesh Globes,
and Patent Medicine Vendors.

Perfumes:—Pineau, Atkinson, Colgate, Rick-
secker and Brown Perfumery Co.
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1893. [28]

"DERMATOL,"

MANUFACTURED BY FARDWERKE,
Hochst a/M.; its effect in stimulating
the closing up of WOUNDS, and in internal
administration against diarrhoea, is described as
amazing.

DR. KNORR'S
ANTIPYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROV.)

Is the most approved and most efficacious
remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE,
NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER,
TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSI-
PELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other
complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic.
Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty.
Ask for DR. KNORR'S ANTIPYRINE! Each
Tin bears the inventor's signature "Dr.
KNORR" in red letters.

To be had at every reputed Chemist and
Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China
Export Import and Bank Company.

Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1894. [446]

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East, affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

THE HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers. THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the cuisine being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are lofty and well ventilated, open on to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communications. The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new, Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

THE WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied. HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,
Manager. [239]

Hongkong, 17th November, 1893.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

ILLUSTRATED COMPANION TO
MURRAY'S GUIDE BOOK.

The Tower Bridge: Its History and Construction.
Foster's Whist Manual.
The Prince of India, by Lew Wallace.
Royal Academy Pictures, bound volume.
Manual of Customs Practised at Shanghai.
Straita Produce: Humorous Sketches.
The World's Parliament of Religions.
Warner's Royal Natural History, Vol. I.
How to become Quick at Figures.
Sharps and Flats, by J. N. Maskelyne.

EVOLUTION OF MODERN
CAPITALISM.
Silver up to Date.
The Principles of Fitting
Needle and Brush: Useful and Decorative.
The Art of Crocheting.
The Art of Drawn Work.
The Art of Modern Lace-making.
Flowers of Japan: Ogawa's Colotype series.
Figaro Salon Pictures: French edition.
Illustrated London News: Summer Number.
Old Heath Library.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1894. [6]

WARNE'S NEW ROYAL NATURAL
HISTORY, Vol. I.

Rose-Gold (the Metallurgy of).
Louis—Handbook Gold Mining.
Brasserie's Naval Annual.
Artillery—its progress and present position.
Foster's Whist Manual.
George Moore—Mummer's Wife.
Zolas—Money.
Gale and Poldens—Guide to Promotion.
Football—Rugby Union Game.
Gore—World of Space.
Black—Library Atlas of the World.
New Photos—Types of English Beauty.

NEW ENGRAVINGS.
Very Handsome Briar Wood Pipes in
cases.
Large Selection of Long Cherry Wood Pipes.
New Selection of Gold Pens.
New Stock of Chromograph to imitate Stained
Glass Windows.
Nott's Nautical Tables.
Imman's Nautical Tables.
Anny's Extra Masters Guide.
Bellow's French-English Dictionary.
Brown Russian Boots and Shoes.
Brown Leather Polish.
Tennis Balls and Shoes.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL. [675]

Hongkong, 11th July, 1894.

CENTRAL HOTEL,
SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting
throughout
the Premises.

Telegraphic Address:—
"CENTRAL"
SHANGHAI.

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the
centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath
and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid
on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

730

DAWSON'S PERFECTION
OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,
4, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1893. [44]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

SHIPCHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS, &c.

SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS OF
SHIP AND ENGINE STORES
OF BEST BRANDS.

AGENTS FOR:—
INTERNATIONAL COMPOSITION FOR SHIPS' BOTTOMS.
PRICE'S SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OIL.
BELL'S SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.
PURE FRESH WATER SUPPLIED!

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 16th July, 1894. [130]

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.
TO-MORROW
(SATURDAY), AUGUST 4TH, 1894,
at 2.45 P.M.

COMPETITION, SHORT RANGE CUP
and SPOONS; Range, 500 and 600
yards; Seven Shots. Entrance fee, 30 cents.
C. K. MOORE,
Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1894. [46]

GYMKHANA.

THE PUBLIC is reminded that the SECOND
GYMKHANA of the SEASON will take
place TO-MORROW, the 4th instant; 1st Race
at 5 P.M.

Programmes may be had at the CLUB and at
Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LD.
W. H. E. MURRAY,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1894. [840]

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875,
and with Government Notification No. 288
of 26th July, 1894, the Undermentioned BANKS
will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public
Business on MONDAY, the 6th August:—

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA,
A. C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE
STRAITS, LIMITED, HONGKONG,
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA,
LIMITED,
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
HONGKONG AGENCY,
EMILE MAVER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1894. [831]

Amusements.

PROMENADE CONCERT.
IN AID OF A WIDOW AND FAMILY.

Under the Distinquish'd Patronage of
H.E. Governor Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON,
H.E. Major-General DIGBY BARKER,
Colonel MULLOY and OFFICERS R.E.

A PROMENADE CONCERT will be given
by leading local Amateurs at
THE VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS,
TO-MORROW
(SATURDAY), the 4th August,
commencing at 9 P.M.

During the evening the Band of the Shrop-
shire Light Infantry, kindly lent by Lt.-Colonel
ROBINSON and the OFFICERS of the Regiment,
will play Selections.

TICKETS for the CONCERT may be obtained
at all the leading Stores in the Colony.
Admission.....\$1.00. [827]

Hongkong, 28th July, 1894.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE BLACK PLAGUE.

THE HONGKONG MINSTREL TROUPE
will give
TWO FIRST-CLASS ENTERTAINMENTS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH,
and
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 1894.

For the Benefit of those
SOLDIERS AND POLICE
who have been, and those who are still engaged
upon work in connection with the PLAGUE.

These Performances are given under the
Distinguished Patronage and Support
of His Excellency the Governor, Sir WILLIAM
ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.,
His Excellency Major-General G. DIGBY
BARKER, C.B.,
Commodore G. T. H. BOYES, R.N.,
Colonel G. B. MACDONELL, R.A.,
Commanding Royal Artillery in China,
Colonel W. H. MULLOY, R.E.,
Commanding Royal Engineers in China,
Lieut.-Colonel F. W. ROBINSON,
Commanding 1st Shropshire Light Infantry,
Lieut.-Colonel E. G. BARROW,
Commanding the Hongkong Regiment.

NOVEL AND GREAT ATTRACTIONS.

UPWARDS OF FIFTY PERFORMERS
IN THE MINSTREL CIRCLE.

GRAND VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT,
Introducing NOVELTIES never before seen in
Hongkong, under the entire supervision and sole
direction of Mr. W. FARMER.

Full Particulars in Programmes, which will
be issued on or about MONDAY, August 6th.

By the kind permission of Colonel ROBINSON
and OFFICERS, the Band of the Shropshire
Light Infantry will play at each Performance.

Popular Prices.....\$2 & \$1.
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform, half-price to
Back Seats only.

Doors Open at 8.30,
Commencing at 9 o'clock precisely.

Plan and Tickets at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH,
Limited; Seats may be booked on and after
MONDAY, August 6th.

A SPECIAL TRAM will run to the Peak, and
a Special Launch to Kowloon, 15 minutes after
each Performance.

WILLIAM BLAYNAV,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1894. [828]

Shipping.**STEAMERS.**

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FOKIEN,"

Captain Davis, will be despatched for the above
Ports TO-MORROW, the 4th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd August, 1894. [842]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"

Captain H. Bathurst, will be despatched for the
above Ports on SUNDAY, the 5th instant, at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd August, 1894. [843]

SAILING VESSELS.**FOR NEW YORK.**

THE 3/3 L.I.I. American Bark

"PARAMITA,"

Soule, Master, will load here for the above Port,
and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.

Hongkong, 16th June, 1894. [704]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

KOREA'S ALLIES.

Both Russia and America have what we think, may be considered a common enemy in the Far East, namely China; while the latter ally of Great Britain. It is clear therefore that Russia and the United States can but view with equal anxiety any decrease of British influence in the East, whether effected by Russian or other instrument; for she knows full well that China, bereft of British power, would be a source of weakness to the Russian Empire. The weakening of British influence in Eastern Asia, "Where one loses another gains," and in as much as the United States has nothing to gain by our strong position out here and is rather a loser by it in many ways which need not be dilated upon here, then it is clear that the American Government at least could hardly object to the defeat of Great Britain or China in Eastern or Central Asia.

Now let us endeavour to discover from evidence whether or not we are justified in charging the United States with covertly acting in unison with Russia in the Far East. To do this it is necessary to go back to the autumn of 1888 when it will be remembered, the King of Korea despatched an ambassador to Washington in accordance with the wishes of his American advisers, Judge O. N. Denny, who is now in America, Dr. H. N. Allen, and Mr. Waecher, the Russian Minister. This was done to assert Korea's independence and as a protest against China's claims to suzerain rights over the Korean peninsula. That the whole affair ended in a degrading farce is well known. However, Dr. Allen who was a meek and lowly American missionary up to that time, then made his debut in the political arena and started off from Seoul as Foreign Secretary of Legation, with Pak, the Korean Ambassador. Now in view of the fact that Dr. Allen was adviser to the Ambassador, no small importance may reasonably be attached to his utterances, both verbal and written, of which we will give particulars. No sooner was the learned diplomat comfortably ensconced in the Palace Hotel at San Francisco than a representative of the *Examiner* looked him up. The Doctor was quite willing to enlighten the inquisitive reporter upon Far Eastern affairs and submitted to quite a long cross-examination, from a *reviewer* of which we will now make a few extracts as they appeared at the time in a leading San Francisco journal. The most important disclosure made by Dr. Allen in the interview was that, "Korea's geographical position is such that Russia is bound to maintain its independence, for should the Chinese gain control it would mean that Great Britain would be antagonistic to Russian interests." Observe his words! "Russia is bound to maintain its (Korea's) independence." The learned Doctor forgot that the strategic position of Korea is such that China, Japan (as we now well know) and Great Britain have no less interest in the destiny of Korea than has Russia. Does Doctor Allen suppose that when once Russia's foot is firmly planted in Korea, the natives of that country will enjoy independence? He certainly cannot believe anything of the kind. But Dr. Allen, good Christian though he may be, is but a mortal after all, and has to live and lay up for himself treasures on earth where moth and rust do corrupt. Later on the Doctor, in holding forth to another press representative, said: "You may remember that Korea is a peninsula lying between China and Japan, and backed by Russia, who has always laid an indefinite claim to a port in Korea, thus affording the clearest access to the Pacific Ocean by a southern port, the outlet now being confined to frigid Siberia." You see that while England would willingly support China in her demands in Korea, Russia, as already stated, has ideas of her own about the proper disposition of Korea, and they conflict seriously with those of China and England. From the remarks of Dr. Allen it is beyond question that Americans in the diplomatic service of Korea devoted serious attention to Russian interests. But could it be possible that the line of policy pursued by Korea's political officers was in accord with the wishes of President Harrison or even his "right-hand man," Mr. J. G. Blaine? Even so, in support of the assertion we reproduce a full copy of a letter addressed by Dr. Allen, while at the Legation in Washington, to General McE. Dye, American military instructor in Seoul, the capital of Korea, which reads as follows:—

Copy.
WASHINGTON, D.C.
15th May, 1889.

"My dear Genl Dye,
"Yours concerning the purchase of samples of uniforms, etc., just to hand. I do not know what to do about it, and think it is nothing as I have already been utterly ashamed by the non-appearance of a reply to the several propositions concerning loans, railroads, mines, water-works, gas, arms, &c., &c., that I obtained by direct orders of the King; it places us in a very bad light, and now a despatch from Mr. Song, conveying to the State Department the personal request of the King for plans, specifications, etc., etc., concerning torpedoes, has just been received. It should have come through the legation originally. They refer us to the Hutchins people, with whom Lieut. Moore, U. S. N., is associated. He has already been to see me as Colonel Cummins had written for information to Major Nicholson, U. S. Marine Corps, who had in turn consulted Moore.

"I will look up the records and endeavour to do something concerning the uniforms, but it is getting exceedingly late. None of your fault, mind. I appreciate your position fully and am daily giving our people lectures on the foolish ways of their unorganized government.

"About the change in the rank of our Legation in Seoul (the capital) Admiral Schufeldt is here and is advising Mr. Blaine very fully as to Korean matters. He believes that the allegations of the Chinese are true, that the Koreans have agreed to keep a *charge* here, and has told Mr. Blaine so, the latter is willing to pursue an active policy in Korea, and (private) perhaps ask for a U. S. coaling station at Port Hamilton—thus giving the Koreans genuine backing. But first he must know that the Koreans have stopped their double dealing and are ready to maintain their independence. Therefore it is thought that Long (Colonel Challis) and I should be sent to Seoul, and if the Koreans do not soon send a time, and if the Koreans will be sent to Seoul. This was made known to me two weeks ago and I called it at once and fully, so that it was not necessary to answer you "Yes" or "No" as you request.

"Schufeldt thinks this is a very critical time for Korea. He will be a strong support to us if the Koreans are square, but unmerciful if they continue catering to China.
"It is well known that had I not threatened to resign, the legation would not have been established, and Pak (the Minister) was detained in Japan till I could send in my affidavit taking all responsibility on myself and exonerating (sic) him in the eyes of the dreaded Yuan.
"Schufeldt and I are delighted to see that the King is at last advising with you on general matters. An expert and capable adviser would have saved them great trouble.—Yours.
(Signed) H. N. ALLEN.

From the above it will be seen that not-

withstanding the important statement of Sir James Fergusson to the House of Commons on the 12th February, 1887, when, in answer to the question "whether Port Hamilton is to be shortly evacuated by her Majesty's forces; and, if so, what arrangements have been made with the Chinese or any other Government regarding its future custody?" he said:—"I am requested by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to state that Port Hamilton will shortly be evacuated by her Majesty's forces. No arrangements have been made regarding its future custody; but it is understood that a Korean official will be present at the time of the departure of the British ships. No conditions have been made with the Government, but her Majesty's Government did not determine to retire from Port Hamilton till they had received a guarantee from the Chinese Government that no part of Korea including Port Hamilton, shall be occupied by any foreign power." In the teeth, then, of this remarkable guarantee, any infringement of which must result in war, and whilst maintaining friendly relations with the United States Government did, and if we mistake not does even now, contemplate the establishment of a coal depot at Port Hamilton, by virtue of a lease granted by the Government of the Ruler of Korea! But would the American Government take upon itself the risk of the establishment of a coaling fleet in the Far East? It is hardly conceivable. Then for whom would it be? Certainly for Russia or Japan, America holding it *sub rosa* for her secret ally, and in the event of Great Britain and China "raising questions" about it, America and Russia would side with Korea and insist on the right of Korea to lease her islands to whom she pleased. This would mean, of course, that in the opinion of Russia, America and Japan the guarantee accepted by Great Britain from China, in regard to Port Hamilton, is not worth the paper upon which it is written, and further that the guarantee could only be supported and made effective *et al armis*.

How strange all this seems about Mr. Blaine and Admiral Schufeldt being ready to "give Korea genuine backing as soon as they are assured that the Koreans have stopped their double dealing and are ready to maintain their independence! How can it be possible that quiet, inoffensive, neutral America is actually banding-glove with Russia and Japan in their Anti-Anglo-Chinese policy in the Far East? This seems almost incredible and yet hard facts point to it being only too true.

The actors, too, in this scene behind the scenes are a remarkable conglomeration: an ex-medical missionary, a gallant general of militia, a brave old soldier and last, but not least, the brawny old minister, Mr. J. G. Blaine, Secretary of State &c., &c., &c. And what does this little affair really amount to? Well, it looks like a scheme to cause strained relations between Powers whose rivalry clashes in Europe, Asia Minor, Central Asia, and in the Korean peninsula in particular. Here we have found men, who are in a position to influence a monarch, weak though he may be, using that influence for the purpose of so shaping the course of the Korean monarchy that the thousands of men shall be sent hurriedly into eternity, that thousands of families shall be bereft of their loved ones, that chaos of the most unrighteous description shall flourish! It were better for such men that they had never been born than that they should have lived to recommend a policy which has led to inevitable disquietude, imperilled the peace of the world, and jeopardized the best interests of millions of human beings peace-loving people.

In making the foregoing brief *exposé* of America's schemes in the Orient, which are in direct contravention of her Constitution, we have been guided by the belief that by counting with danger rather than trying to avoid knowledge of it the worst is often warded off. Our object, in other words, is to abate, rather than accelerate, the approaching storm of which the ripple on the surface in the North gives us warning and indicates how the depths are surging below.

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Duelling in the Russian Army is to be regulated. Almost 75 per cent. of the men manning the British mercantile marine are foreigners. A project is being considered for an electric railway between Constantinople and Algiers. The directors of the Manchester Ship Canal Company will ask a final loan of \$2,500,000 from the city.

Ex-Express Carlotta is reported by the latest Brussels papers as being in a worse condition than ever.

Dr. Carl Theodore of Bavaria, who is a practicing physician, attended more than 5,000 patients last year.

An old maid's insurance society is to be started in England on lines similar to the one already existing in Denmark.

A sign of the times is the closing of the Academy for bull fighters in Barcelona because of the small number of pupils.

The negotiations between Germany and Great Britain regarding the Congo State are progressing towards a satisfactory settlement.

The total loss by the recent earthquakes in Greece was 251 killed, 146 wounded and about \$1,000,000 worth of property destroyed.

The French Government has ordered several bodies of troops from the forces in Algeria to take up positions near the Moorish frontier.

An English Judge has decided that at a marriage ceremony, if the church doors are closed, and one witness absent, the marriage is void.

Within a few months Peking will be united by wire with St. Petersburg and, in consequence, with the telegraph system of the entire civilized world.

The U. S. Consul at Belfast reports that the largest tobacco factory in the world is now in process of erection there, the building costing \$500,000.

Lady Marjorie Gordon, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Lady Aberdeen, edits a children's paper that is issued monthly in London, and is said to do it well.

Americans in Paris attended almost in a body the performance of Miss Eleanor Calhoun in Racine's *Andromaque*. She will star the United States in the autumn.

The Spanish Government will propose the appointment of a mixed commission to settle the difficulty between Spain and the United States concerning the Cuban traitor.

The Hollanders have solved the tramp problem neatly. They have a State farm of 5,000 acres, and tramps are sent there to earn their living and to learn to be farmers.

Pope Leo XIII recently added a new wing to the pavilion in the Vatican gardens which adjoins the tower where he seeks refuge from the heat of mid-summer. The structure is elegant in appearance.

The tobacco contracts of the French Government have been awarded at Paris. The contract for 4,000,000 kilograms of Maryland tobacco was divided between A. Schumacher & Co. and Henry Lantz & Co. of Baltimore.

Professor Ewald of Berlin, pointed out in a recent lecture that nervous diseases are extremely common among female telegraph operators, and gave his opinion that such employment is not suited to women.

A good many enthusiastic Britishers who called to serve their country seem to find the

conditions of service satisfactory, for nearly £10,000 was paid last year by recruits to purchase their discharge before they had been in the army three months.

At the Kimberley Diamond Market recently Dr. Smith, a well-known labour agitator, was tarred and feathered by members of the Labour party, in the presence of an immense concourse of people, in consequence, it is alleged, of disloyal action on his part.

The Frankfurt *Gazette* says it learns of the impending betrothal of Prince Christian, eldest son of Frederick, Crown Prince of Denmark, to Princess Maude, youngest daughter of the Prince of Wales. Prince Christian was lately a guest of the Prince of Wales. Prince Christian was born on September 26th, 1870, and Princess Maude on November 26th, 1870.

HOW A LOT OF MONEY LEAKS OUT.

WHAT does a man do when he finds a hole in the pocket where he carries his money? Anybody can answer that question. He has it sewed up, of course, directly, and good and strong, too. I suppose it is with you just as it is with me. When I spend money, even for my food, I can tell where it went, and may be I've had some sort of pleasure out of it. But I do mortally hate to lose money, I love it out and out, you know, and have no satisfaction from it, or know how or when it left my possession.

Well, now, let me show you the worst and biggest hole any man ever had in his pocket; a hole that lets the cash leak away like water through a sieve, a hole that is the hardest in the world to sew up. A short story will show it best.

"Drummond South Cottage,"

"Muselburgh, near Edinburgh,"

"September 16th, 1891."

"Gentlemen,—Up to 1886 I was always strong and healthy. About this time I began to feel bad. I was tired, languid, dull, and listless, and everything was a burden to me. I had no desire for company, and what had come over me I could not make out. My tongue and mouth were dry, and I had a deal of phlegm on my stomach. The whites of my eyes next became discoloured and my skin was yellow. I had no appetite, and after eating I had great pain at my chest and sides, also across my stomach. After a time the pain settled in my left side, and my heart would beat and jump in a manner that alarmed me. By-and-by I got so weak that I was not able to go about the house, and I felt that I ought to be in bed. The pains at my side and stomach became so bad that I had to remove my clothing (everything seemed so tight), and I used to press my stomach and hold my sides to try and ease the pain. Getting worse I saw a doctor at Muselburgh and was under him for three months, but he did me no good. I had no relief. After this I went to a clever doctor at Preston Pans who said I was suffering from indigestion and dyspepsia. He sent to London for some celebrated medicine which was packed in small phials. This medicine seemed to dissolve my food, and I felt easier for a time, but I gained no strength, and my health and after persevering with his treatment for six months, I gave it up and fell into my old state. I next went to a doctor at Muselburgh, but all his medicines did me no good. After this I saw another doctor (that is a fourth doctor), but with the same result: none of them gave me anything that reached my complaint. I now lost all faith in physic, for I had spent a deal of money and taken so much medicine 'that I lost all my teeth through it' and was no better for it. In great misery I lingered on month after month, always ailing, when in August of last year (1890), my husband called at Mr. Jack's Drug Store, High Street, Edinburgh, and told him what my condition was. Mr. Jack gave me a bottle of his wonderful cure, he heard of from many of his customers that had taken a medicine called Seigel's Syrup, and strongly recommended him to bring me a bottle. He did so, and I commenced taking the Syrup, and I found some relief from the first bottle, and by the time I had taken four bottles I was as strong as ever. I was in my life, and have since kept in good health. I tell every one what Seigel's Syrup has done for me. 'I never thought to get better again,' and I consider it has saved my life. I wish others to know this, and if by publishing this statement it will be the means of helping others, as it helped me, you can see the value as you like. Yours truly, (Signed) Joanna Watson."

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DINING-TABLE, SIDEBOARDS, DINNER
WAGGON, ELECTRO-PLATE GLASS and
CROCKERY WARE, CUTLERY, TABLE
LINENS, &c., &c.

ONE COTTAGE PIANO, ONE CAMERA,
ONE STANDARD LAMP, SINGLE and
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